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SUBJ: DON JUAN APPOINTS PRESS REPS AND TO HAVE
OFFICE IN MADRID

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1. THE LOCAL MEDIA CARRIED AN ANNOUNCEMENT SEPT 4 OF APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNT OF GAITANES (LUIS DE USSIA Y GAVALDA) AND LUIS MARIA ANSON AS PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY RESPECTIVELY OF NEW CABINET OF INFORMATION OF DON JUAN, PRINCE JUAN CARLOS' FATHER (REFTEL). THE REASON GIVEN WAS TO CLARIFY "RUMORS" IN PRESS. ANSON, WHO IS EDITOR OF PRESTIGIOUS WEEKLY, "BLANCO Y NEGRO" BELONGING TO "ABC" (MONARCHIST), HAS STATED THAT CABINET OF INFORMATION OF COUNT OF BARCELONA WILL BE OPENED IN MADRID IN OCTOBER.

2. BOTH THE COUNT OF GAITANES AND ANSON WERE MEMBERS OF DON JUAN'S FORMER PRIVY COUNCIL WHICH WAS DISSOLVED JULY 22, 1969, FOLLOWING JUAN CARLOS' DESIGNATION AS FUTURE HEAD OF STATE. ANSON ALSO HEADED DON JUAN'S PRESS OFFICE BEFORE ITS DISSOLUTION AT THE SAME TIME.

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